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APPLICANT: Marta Gomez-Chiarri et al. **GROUP:** 1636

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FOR: DELIVERY OF DNA VACCINES INTO FISH BY IMMERSION

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Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Restriction Requirement of June 15, 2004, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-6 drawn to a method of inducing an immune response in a fish by exposing the fish to a dead bacterium expressing a gene/antigen of interest, classified in class 424, subclass 1.17.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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